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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 2,500 IN SEPTEMBER TO 460,600

Job increases in both the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing sectors boosted total establishment employment in Rhode Island by 2,500 in September to a new record high level, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 460,600 in September. This represents a gain of 2,500 from the August level and is 3,400 above the September 1987 figure of 457,200.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island increased by 800 from August to September. However, the current figure of 116,100 is 900 less than the year earlier level of 117,000. In the Durable Goods category, the September employment total of 79,800 was up 500 from the prior month, but was 700 below the figure reported a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries advanced 300 in the August-September period to a level of 36,300, but was down 200 compared to the September 1987 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly employment gains of 100 each were reported in Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from the previous month. Compared to a year ago employment increases occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (+200), Lumber/Furniture and Instruments (+100 each). In contrast, a downturn of 500 was registered in Transportation Equipment,

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EMPLOYERS! LIST YOUR HOLIDAY JOB OPENINGS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

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For fifty-five years, Job Service has been working hard to keep Americans working. The Rhode Island Job Service is proud to be a part of this nation-wide system.

We're ready to help with your holiday hiring needs. Please call your job orders into the Job Bank at 277-3588 or any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed on page two of this Bulletin. We're open Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you.

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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending September 30, 1988, must be filed by October 31, 1988, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987
Total Placements	1,789	1,298	2,173
New Applications	2,872	2,924	3,427
New Openings Received	2,834	2,918	2,472

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept 1988	Aug 1988	% Change Aug 1988
Initial Claims	4,068	5,116	- 20.5
No. of Payments	34,069	47,738	- 28.6
Amt. of Payment	$ 5,396,837	$ 7,557,056	- 28.6
Exhaustions	761	852	- 10.7

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1988	Aug 1988	Sept 1987
Initial Claims	3,477	3,955	3,450
No. of Payments	29,877	28,704	26,069
Amt. of Payments	$ 5,001,326	$ 4,868,941	$ 4,173,013

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	September 1988	August 1988	September 1987
Civilian Labor Force	523.8	523.4	523.1
Unemployment	12.8	14.4	17.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.4	2.8	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	2.8	2.9	3.8

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Civilian Labor Force	338.9	336.4	337.2
Unemployment	9.0	10.7	12.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.7	3.2	3.7

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Civilian Labor Force	168.9	167.6	169.2
Unemployment	6.1	7.1	7.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	4.2	4.1

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Civilian Labor Force	37,150	36,895	36,830
Unemployment	780	775	1,025
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.1	2.1	2.8

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND AUGUST 15-19, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	11,172	100.0
Men	5,328	47.7
Under 45	3,477	65.3
45 and Over	1,851	34.7
Women	5,844	52.3
Under 45	3,556	60.8
45 and Over	2,288	39.2
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	806	7.2
Manufacturing	4,350	38.9
Public Utilities	1,071	9.6
Wholesale and Retail	1,666	14.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	331	3.0
Service	2,564	23.0
All Other	384	3.4
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,930	17.3
Clerical and Sales	2,312	20.7
Service	1,190	10.6
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	40	0.4
Processing	278	2.5
Machine Trades	886	7.9
Bench Work	1,732	15.5
Structural Work	1,468	13.1
Miscellaneous	1,336	12.0
INA	0	0.0

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Sept. 1988	Aug 1988	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	460.6	458.1	457.2	+ 2,500	+ 3,400
MANUFACTURING	116.1	115.3	117.0	+ 800	- 900
NONMANUFACTURING	344.5	342.8	340.2	+ 1,700	+ 4,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	21.5	21.2	20.6	+ 300	+ 900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.9	15.7	15.8	+ 200	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.8	106.8	105.3	0	+ 1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.7	26.4	25.7	+ 300	+ 1,000
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	116.6**	116.0**	115.7	+ 600	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.0	56.7	57.1	+ 300	- 100

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Aug 1988	Sept 1987	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	116.1	115.3	117.0	+ 800	- 900	339.44	331.60	39.7	40.0	8.55	8.29
DURABLE GOODS	79.8	79.3	80.5	+ 500	- 700	333.43	329.22	39.6	40.1	8.42	8.21
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 100	412.90	391.48	40.8	40.4	10.12	9.69
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.7	1.9	+ 100	- 100	446.07	406.50	40.7	39.2	10.96	10.37
PRIMARY METALS	5.2	5.1	5.2	+ 100	0	403.68	406.19	40.9	42.4	9.87	9.58
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	8.8 *	9.0	+ 100	- 100	342.77	315.59	41.1	40.1	8.34	7.87
NONELECTRIC MACH	6.1	6.1	6.2 *	0	- 100	459.43	450.55	42.5	43.7	10.81	10.31
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.5	11.4	11.7	+ 100	- 200	301.84	295.23	39.2	39.0	7.70	7.57
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.7 *	8.6 *	9.2	+ 100	- 500	445.27	440.76	39.3	40.4	11.33	10.91
INSTRUMENTS	4.8 *	4.8 *	4.7 *	0	+ 100	326.52	330.88	38.1	40.9	8.57	8.09
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.7	23.7	23.5	0	+ 200	262.48	263.87	38.6	39.8	6.80	6.63
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6.1	6.1	6.2	0	- 100	273.05	260.15	36.7	36.9	7.44	7.05
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.3	36.0	36.5	+ 300	- 200	350.24	335.86	39.8	39.7	8.80	8.46
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	2.8	3.1	+ 100	- 200	323.76	292.93	38.0	36.8	8.52	7.96
TEXTILES	10.1	10.1	10.2	0	- 100	320.33	305.83	40.6	40.4	7.89	7.57
APPAREL	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 300	294.28	287.29	41.1	41.1	7.16	6.99
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0	318.35	321.14	40.4	42.2	7.88	7.61
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.7	0	+ 200	446.08	435.86	37.9	38.1	11.77	11.44
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 100	+ 200	442.00	439.30	40.7	41.2	10.86	10.66
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 100	372.60	342.37	41.4	41.2	9.00	8.31
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0	374.74	322.70	41.5	38.6	9.03	8.36
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 100	+ 100	251.02	234.43	39.1	39.4	6.42	5.95

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while employment in Electrical Machinery was off by 200 for the twelve month period. Annual declines of 100 each were posted in Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. Employment in Primary Metals was unchanged from the same month a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each were recorded in Food-Beverage, Chemical Products and Leather Products. Job levels in the six remaining Nondurable Goods categories showed no change from their August totals. On an annual comparison, upturns of 200 each were evident in Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products, followed by a gain of 100 in Leather Products. Annual decreases were registered in Apparel (-300), Food-Beverage (-200), Textiles and Rubber Products (-100 each). Employment in Paper Products and Plastics Products was unchanged from a year earlier.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall establishment employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 1700 from August to September, largely the result of seasonal hiring in several segments. The current total of 344,500 represents a gain of 4,300 jobs compared to the September 1987 figure of 340,200.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Services employment recorded the most substantial monthly increase (+ 600). At 116,600, the segment was 900 above the level recorded a year earlier. Employment in Contract Construction,at 21,500, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,700, each registered a monthly gain of 300. Compared to a year ago, the former advanced by 900, while the latter added 1,000 new jobs. Overall Government employment rose by 300 in September to 57,000, which was 100 below the year ago total. Job levels in Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,900, posted a monthly increase of 200 and an annual gain of 100. Although Trade employment showed no change in the August-September period, the current total of 106,800 represents an increase of 1,500 jobs from the September 1987 figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 5 cents to $8.55 in mid-September, and were up 26 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week was up by 0.4 of an hour in September to 39.7 hours. However, this was 0.3 of an hour less than the September 1987 work week. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $339.44 in September, representing an increase of $5.39 from last month and a gain of $7.84 from a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 463,300

Additional hiring in both the Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing sectors increased overall establishment employment in Rhode Island to a new record high level of 463,300 in October, reported John S. Renza, director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment rose by 2,700 from last month to the current total of 463,300. This figure represents a gain of 3,600 jobs from the October 1987 level of 459,700.

MANUFACTURING

Total factory employment advanced 900 in the September-October period to 117,000, primarily due to gains in the Durable Goods category. Nevertheless, the current manufacturing total remains 800 below the year ago figure of 117,800. In the various Durable Goods industries, the October employment total of 80,700 reflected an increase of 900 from the prior month, but showed a drop of 600 compared to the October 1987 level. The Nondurable Goods total of 36,300 jobs was unchanged from September, but fell 200 below the figure reported a year ago this month.

Within the Durable Goods sector, the largest monthly employment gain (+400) was posted in Transportation Equipment (due to the settlement of a labor dispute), followed by upturns of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Jewelry-Silverware. The number

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1989 TAXABLE WAGE BASE

In accordance with State law, the 1989 taxable wage bases for the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance programs have been determined. John S. Renza, Employment Security Director, recently announced that the wage base on which Employment Security taxes will be paid during the 1989 tax year that begins on January 1 will be $12,800. The wage base for T.D.I. contributions will also be $12,800.

The 1989 taxable wage bases for the E.S. and T.D.I. programs are equal to 70 percent of the 1987 average annual wage earned by workers covered by the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance Acts respectively, rounded upward to the next even multiple of $200. The 1987 average annual wage for workers covered by the E.S. Act was $18,176; the average annual wage for workers covered by T.D.I. was $18,106.

Employers will be notified of their individual unemployment insurance tax rates prior to next April 1.

Beginning January 1, 1989 employers who pay Unemployment Insurance taxes will also pay a job development assessment equal to 0.1% of their taxable payrolls. It will not result in additional taxes on employers since the rates on all U.I. tax schedules will be reduced by 0.1% in 1989. The assessment will fund the Workforce 2000 Job Development program which will provide job training, counseling and assessment services to develop Rhode Island's work force.

The employee tax rate for Temporary Disability Insurance will be 1.0 percent of the new T.D.I. wage base in 1989.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1987
Total Placements	695	1,789	765
New Applications	1,721	2,872	2,031
New Openings Received	1,258	2,834	1,774

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988	% Change Sept.1988
Initial Claims	4,909	4,068	+ 20.7
No. of Payments	30,829	34,069	- 9.5
Amt. of Payment	$ 4,976,719	$ 5,396,837	- 7.8
Exhaustions	748	761	- 1.8

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1987
Initial Claims	3,456	3,477	3,462
No. of Payments	26,486	29,877	26,107
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,557,493	$ 5,001,326	$ 4,178,857

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	October 1988	September 1988	October 1987
Civilian Labor Force	527.9	523.8	526.3
Unemployment	13.4	12.8	16.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.5	2.4	3.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.0	2.8	3.7

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	September 1988	August 1988	September 1987
Civilian Labor Force	341.7	338.9	339.9
Unemployment	8.2	9.0	11.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.7	2.7	3.3

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	September 1988	August 1988	September 1987
Civilian Labor Force	166.3	168.9	166.7
Unemployment	5.2	6.1	6.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	3.6	3.7

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	September 1988	August 1988	September 1987
Civilian Labor Force	37,065	37,150	36,370
Unemployment	770	780	910
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.1	2.1	2.5

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TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.8	15.9	15.8	- 100	0
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.6	106.8	105.2	- 200	+ 1,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.5	26.7	25.6	- 200	+ 900
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	117.2**	116.6**	116.0	+ 600	+ 1,200
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.5	57.0	58.6	+ 1,500	- 100

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	Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1988	Oct. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	117.0	116.1	117.8	+ 900	- 800	340.16	332.40	39.6	40.0	8.59	8.31
DURABLE GOODS	80.7	79.8	81.3	+ 900	- 600	334.57	330.44	39.5	40.2	8.47	8.22
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 100	+ 100	410.06	394.13	40.4	40.8	10.15	9.66
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 100	424.00	414.00	40.0	40.0	10.60	10.35
PRIMARY METALS	5.3	5.2	5.4	+ 100	- 100	412.51	404.39	41.5	42.3	9.94	9.56
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	8.9	9.0	0	- 100	331.63	316.80	40.1	40.0	8.27	7.92
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.2	6.1	6.2 *	+ 100	0	475.64	454.08	44.0	44.0	10.81	10.32
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.6	11.5	11.8	+ 100	- 200	305.37	298.65	39.1	39.4	7.81	7.58
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.1	8.7 *	9.2	+ 400	- 100	449.16	448.11	39.4	40.7	11.40	11.01
INSTRUMENTS	4.8 *	4.8 *	4.8 *	0	0	340.00	331.70	40.0	40.9	8.50	8.11
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.8	23.7	23.7	+ 100	+ 100	267.96	264.26	38.5	40.1	6.96	6.59
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.1	6.1	6.3	0	- 200	278.63	257.75	37.3	36.1	7.47	7.14
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.3	36.3	36.5	0	- 200	352.63	336.15	39.8	39.5	8.86	8.51
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.0	2.9	3.1	+ 100	- 100	326.14	295.20	38.1	36.9	8.56	8.00
TEXTILES	10.2	10.1	10.2	+ 100	0	320.74	301.60	40.6	40.0	7.90	7.54
APPAREL	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	- 200	288.64	285.36	40.2	41.0	7.18	6.96
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0	316.00	317.34	40.0	41.7	7.90	7.61
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.8	0	+ 100	449.58	438.14	38.1	38.0	11.80	11.53
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	+ 100	442.38	435.49	40.4	40.7	10.95	10.70
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 100	364.83	342.79	40.9	41.3	8.92	8.30
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.6 *	4.7	4.7	- 100	- 100	367.43	331.24	40.6	39.2	9.05	8.45
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.2	2.3	2.1	- 100	+ 100	251.81	242.38	38.8	39.8	6.49	6.09

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of jobs in the remaining Durable Goods industries was unchanged in the September-October period. On an annual comparison, employment increases of 100 each were recorded in Lumber/Furniture and Jewelry-Silverware. Contrarily, job levels in Electrical Machinery and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment were down 200 each for the twelve month period. Furthermore, declines of 100 each were registered in Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals and Transportation Equipment, while employment in Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments showed no change from a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly job gains of 100 each in Food-Beverage and Textiles were offset by declines of 100 each in Plastics Products and Leather Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries equalled their September employment levels. Compared to a year ago, advances of 100 each occurred in Printing-Publishing, Chemical Products and Leather Products. In contrast, annual downturns were reported in Apparel (-200), followed by decreases of 100 each in Food-Beverage, Rubber Products and Plastics Products. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change compared to the same month a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments rose by 1,800 from September to October, largely the result of education-related seasonal gains in Services and Government. The October employment level of 346,300 is also 4,400 jobs higher than the year earlier figure of 341,900.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Services employment increased 600 for the month to 117,200 and was up 1,200 compared to October 1987. Overall Government jobs, at 58,500, posted a monthly upturn of 1,500, mainly due to education-related gains; however, the current figure represents a decrease of 100 from the same month a year ago. As a result of a monthly job gain of 200, Contract Construction employment advanced to 21,700, which was 1,000 above the total recorded a year ago. Payroll levels in both Trade, at 106,600, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,500, reflected monthly declines of 200. Nevertheless, the former was up 1,400, while the latter increased 900 compared to the year earlier figures. Although employment in Transportation and Public Utilities fell 100 for the month to 15,800, it showed no change on an annual basis.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 4 cents to $8.59 in mid-October, and were up 28 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week was down by 0.1 of an hour in October to 39.6 hours. This was 0.4 of an hour less than the October 1987 work week. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $340.16 in October, representing an increase of 72 cents from last month and a gain of $7.76 from a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 463,400 IN NOVEMBER

Rhode Island's overall establishment employment rose for the fourth consecutive month to a new record high level of 463,400 in November, resulting from gains in the Manufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island's current employment level represents an increase of 100 jobs from the October figure and is 3,400 higher than the November 1987 total of 460,000.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment rose 200 in the October-November period. Nevertheless, the current factory level of 117,200 is 800 below the year ago figure of 118,000. In the Durable Goods category, the November employment total of 80,600 decreased 100 compared to the previous month and was 800 less than the figure reported a year ago. However, employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries rose 300 from October to a level of 36,600 in November; this was equal to the year earlier Nondurable Goods total.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains of 100 each were recorded in Transportation Equipment and Jewelry-Silverware. These increases were more than offset by monthly downturns of 100 each in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. Payroll levels in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from last month. On an annual comparison, employment upturns were registered

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND A WORD OF THANKS TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

John S. Renza, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to the Rhode Island employer community and to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is extended to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month. Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours and workers earnings become the basis for both state and national reports and statistics prepared and published by this Department.

The Department of Employment Security will continue its efforts to publish accurate and timely data every month to assist users of the Employment Bulletin in reaching decisions and planning for future employment needs.

To all, a Happy and prosperous New Year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St	
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Professional & Clerical	277-3584
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov 1988	Oct 1988	Nov 1987
Total Placements	546	695	678
New Applications	2,158	1,721	2,032
New Openings Received	1,114	1,258	1,257

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	% Change Oct.1988
Initial Claims	6,037	4,909	+ 23.0
No. of Payments	32,166	30,829	+ 4.3
Amt. of Payment	$ 5,356,761	$ 4,976,719	+ 7.6
Exhaustions	728	748	- 2.7

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov.. 1987
Initial Claims	3,487	3,456	2,824
No. of Payments	24,194	26,486	25,997
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,153,497	$ 4,557,493	$ 4,217,670

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	November 1988	October 1988	November 1987
Civilian Labor Force	534.4	527.9	526.1
Unemployment	14.6	13.4	16.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.7	2.5	3.1
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.1	3.0	3.5

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	October 1988	September 1988	October 1987
Civilian Labor Force	344.5	341.7	342.7
Unemployment	8.3	8.2	10.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.4	2.4	3.0

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	October 1988	September 1988	October 1987
Civilian Labor Force	169.9	166.3	168.9
Unemployment	5.4	5.2	5.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.2	3.1	3.4

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	October 1988	September 1988	October 1987
Civilian Labor Force	36,445	37,065	35,845
Unemployment	755	770	840
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.1	2.1	2.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND NOVEMBER 14-18, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	8,869	100.0
Men	4,507	50.8
Under 45	3,257	72.3
45 and Over	1,250	27.7
Women	4,362	49.2
Under 45	2,513	57.6
45 and Over	1,849	42.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,159	13.0
Manufacturing	3,191	36.0
Public Utilities	442	5.0
Wholesale and Retail	1,354	15.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	443	5.0
Service	1,511	17.0
All Other	769	8.7
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,850	20.9
Clerical and Sales	1,902	21.4
Service	534	6.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	104	1.2
Processing	299	3.4
Machine Trades	1,172	13.2
Bench Work	1,068	12.0
Structural Work	1,315	14.8
Miscellaneous	599	6.8
INA	26	0.3

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	463.4	463.3	460.0	+ 100	+ 3,400
MANUFACTURING	117.2	117.0	118.0	+ 200	- 800
NONMANUFACTURING	346.2	346.3	342.0	- 100	+ 4,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	21.2	21.7	20.4	- 500	+ 800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.7	15.8	15.7	- 100	0
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	107.8**	106.6	106.2	+ 1,200	+ 1,600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.3	26.5	25.5	- 200	+ 800
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	116.5**	117.2**	115.1	- 700	+ 1,400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.7	58.5	59.1	+ 200	- 400

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1988	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1988	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1988	Nov. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	117.2	117.0	118.0	+ 200	- 800	346.40	333.63	40.0	40.1	8.66	8.32
DURABLE GOODS	80.6	80.7	81.4	- 100	- 800	342.80	330.44	40.0	40.2	8.57	8.22
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 100	414.94	397.96	40.8	40.9	10.17	9.73
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 100	425.86	431.19	40.1	41.5	10.62	10.39
PRIMARY METALS	5.2	5.3	5.3	- 100	- 100	404.74	394.70	40.8	41.2	9.92	9.58
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	8.9	9.0	- 100	- 200	349.44	316.80	39.8	40.0	8.78	7.92
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.2	6.2	6.2 *	0	0	470.01	443.76	43.6	43.0	10.78	10.32
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.6	11.6	11.9	0	- 300	308.10	302.08	39.0	39.8	7.90	7.59
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.2	9.1	9.3	+ 100	- 100	450.65	441.10	39.6	40.1	11.38	11.00
INSTRUMENTS	4.8 *	4.8 *	4.8 *	0	0	341.88	334.14	39.8	41.1	8.59	8.13
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.9	23.8	23.8	+ 100	+ 100	276.80	266.93	39.6	40.2	6.99	6.64
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.0	6.1	6.2	- 100	- 200	301.85	283.38	40.3	39.8	7.49	7.12
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.6	36.3	36.6	+ 300	0	354.00	341.20	40.0	40.0	8.85	8.53
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 100	0	320.74	305.18	39.5	38.1	8.12	8.01
TEXTILES	10.2	10.2	10.2	0	0	317.99	304.36	40.1	40.1	7.93	7.59
APPAREL	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	- 200	295.20	289.53	41.0	41.9	7.20	6.91
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 100	318.38	303.20	40.2	40.0	7.92	7.58
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.8	0	+ 100	480.22	448.14	40.8	38.5	11.77	11.64
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	3.1	0	+ 100	425.88	440.08	39.0	40.9	10.92	10.76
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 100	361.49	343.56	40.8	40.9	8.86	8.40
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7 *	4.6 *	4.7	+ 100	0	361.78	337.64	39.8	40.1	9.09	8.42
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.2	2.1	+ 100	+ 200	246.13	240.07	38.1	39.1	6.46	6.14

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in Lumber/Furniture and Jewelry-Silverware (+100 each). In contrast, annual job declines occurred in Electrical Machinery (-300), Fabricated Metals and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-200 each). Also down from their year ago totals were Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals and Transportation Equipment (-100 each). Employment in Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments was unchanged for the twelve month period.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each were reported in Food-Beverage, Plastics Products and Leather Products, while the remaining segments showed no change for the October-November period. Compared to a year ago, employment in Leather Products was up 200, followed by gains of 100 each in Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products. Jobs in the Apparel industry were down 200 from November 1987, while payroll levels in Paper Products and Rubber Products were off by 100 for the same period. Employment in the three remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from the same month a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments decreased 100 from October to November as substantial pre-holiday hiring in Trade was overshadowed by seasonal downturns in several other industries within this sector. However, the November Nonmanufacturing total of 346,200 is 4,200 above the year earlier employment level of 342,000.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector Wholesale and Retail Trade employment recorded the largest monthly job gain (+1,200) as previously mentioned. At 107,800, current Trade employment is also up 1,600 from its year ago level. Total Government employment, at 58,700, rose 200 from the previous month, but was down 400 compared to a year ago. Job levels in Contract Construction, at 21,200, and Services, at 116,500 showed seasonal declines of 500 and 700, respectively. However, on an annual comparison, the former advanced 800 while the latter gained 1,400 jobs. Although employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate was down 200 from last month, the curre total of 26,300 is 800 above the year earlier level. Transportation and Public Utilities jobs were down 100 for the month, but showed no change from the November 1987 figure of 15,700.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers rose by 7 cents to $8.66 in mid-November; this represents a gain of 34 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.4 of an hour in November to 40.0 hours, which was 0.1 of an hour less than the November 1987 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in November amounted to $346.40, representing a gain of $6.24 from last month and $12.77 from the same month a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 461,400 IN DECEMBER

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment declined somewhat in December as a pre-holiday gain in Wholesale and Retail Trade was more than offset by seasonal decreases in the Manufacturing, Construction and Services sectors, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 461,400 in December. While this figure represents a drop of 2,000 from the November level of 463,400, it is 3,100 higher than the December 1987 total of 458,300.

MANUFACTURING

Total factory employment fell by 1,500 in the November-December period. In addition, the current level of 115,700 is 900 less than the year ago figure of 116,600. In the Durable Goods category, the December employment total of 79,700 dropped 900 from the prior month and was 800 below the figure reported a year earlier. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries decreased 600 from last month to a level of 36,000, and was down 100 compared to the December 1987 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly job decline occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-500). Furthermore, employment in Instruments was off 200 for the month, followed by downturns of 100 each in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals

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GOOD NEWS FOR R.I. EMPLOYERS! LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES IN '89

Rhode Island employers will save an estimated $11 million in Unemployment Insurance taxes in 1989 as a result of legislation passed two years ago which reduced Employment Security Fund reserve requirements for each of the nine possible Tax Schedules and the increased amount of E.S. Fund reserves which have accumulated due to the continued strength of the Rhode Island economy.

DES determines the specific Tax Schedule to be followed each year according to the financial condition of the E.S. Fund as of September 30 of the preceding year. Unemployment insurance benefits are paid out of this Fund.

Tax Schedule F, with individual employer rates ranging between 1.4 percent and 7.3 percent will be in effect in 1989, the second consecutive year that a tax schedule lower than the maximum allowed by law will be in effect. In 1988 R.I. employers paid taxes according to Schedule G with rates that ranged between 1.8 and 7.8 percent.

The 1989 tax rates have been reduced by 0.1 percent to offset the new Job Development Assessment which became effective on January 1, 1989.

The payroll tax for new employers - those who have not been subject to the Employment Security Act for three full experience years - will be 2.2 percent in 1989.

R.I. employers will be notified of their individual tax rates prior to April 1.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Dec 1988	Nov 1988	Dec 1987
Total Placements	531	546	667
New Applications	2,865	2,158	1,993
New Openings Received	901	1,114	862

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Dec 1988	Nov 1988	% Change Nov 1988
Initial Claims	14,823	6,037	+ 145.6
No. of Payments	38,488	32,166	+ 19.6
Amt. of Payment	$ 6,494,166	$ 5,356,761	+ 21.2
Exhaustions	720	728	- 1.1

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Dec 1988	Nov 1988	Dec 1987
Initial Claims	3,201	3,487	3,313
No. of Payments	27,566	24,194	26,213
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,757,643	$ 4,153,497	$ 4,253,292

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	December 1988	November 1988	December 1987
Civilian Labor Force	540.7	534.4	525.3
Unemployment	18.7	14.6	18.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.5	2.7	3.5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.5	3.1	3.5

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	November 1988	October 1988	November 1987
Civilian Labor Force	348.6	344.5	343.1
Unemployment	9.0	8.3	10.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.6	2.4	3.0

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	November 1988	October 1988	November 1987
Civilian Labor Force	171.6	169.9	169.0
Unemployment	6.2	5.4	5.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	3.2	3.3

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	November 1988	October 1988	November 1987
Civilian Labor Force	36,300	36,445	35,150
Unemployment	785	755	855
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.2	2.1	2.4

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND NOVEMBER 14-18, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	8,869	100.0
Men	4,507	50.8
Under 45	3,257	72.3
45 and Over	1,250	27.7
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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	461.4	463.4	458.3	- 2,000	+ 3,100
MANUFACTURING	115.7	117.2	116.6	- 1,500	- 900
NONMANUFACTURING	345.7	346.2	341.7	- 500	+ 4,000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	20.7	21.2	19.9	- 500	+ 800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.7	15.7	15.7	0	0
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	108.9	107.8**	107.0	+ 1,100	+ 1,900
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.3	26.3	25.5	0	+ 800
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	115.4**	116.5**	114.4	- 1,100	+ 1,000
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.7	58.7	59.2	0	- 500

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Dec. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.7	117.2	116.6	-1500	- 900	343.65	336.88	39.5	40.2	8.70	8.38
DURABLE GOODS	79.7	80.6	80.5	- 900	- 800	340.02	333.66	39.4	40.2	8.63	8.30
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 100	406.02	395.11	40.4	40.4	10.05	9.78
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0	422.40	435.35	40.0	41.7	10.56	10.44
PRIMARY METALS	5.1	5.2	5.3	- 100	- 200	423.72	408.96	40.9	42.6	10.36	9.60
FABRICATED METALS	8.7	8.8	8.9	- 100	- 200	351.43	316.79	39.8	40.1	8.83	7.90
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1	6.2	6.1	- 100	0	443.22	447.72	41.5	43.3	10.68	10.34
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.6	11.6	11.9	0	- 300	331.27	307.53	40.3	40.2	8.22	7.65
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.3	9.2	9.3	+ 100	0	449.98	449.85	39.3	40.6	11.45	11.08
INSTRUMENTS	4.6 *	4.8 *	4.8 *	- 200	- 200	344.27	340.69	39.8	41.7	8.65	8.17
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.4	23.9	23.3	- 500	+ 100	266.56	265.59	39.2	39.7	6.80	6.69
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 100	290.97	252.37	38.9	35.1	7.48	7.19
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.0	36.6	36.1	- 600	- 100	353.51	343.31	39.9	40.2	8.86	8.54
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 100	- 100	319.99	305.25	38.6	37.5	8.29	8.14
TEXTILES	10.0	10.2	10.0	- 200	0	322.36	307.34	39.7	40.6	8.12	7.57
APPAREL	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	- 200	294.58	298.74	40.8	42.8	7.22	6.98
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 100	- 100	321.57	312.36	40.5	41.1	7.94	7.60
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.8	0	+ 100	483.44	445.39	40.9	38.1	11.82	11.69
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 100	+ 100	433.62	440.34	39.6	41.0	10.95	10.74
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.0	1.1	1.1	- 100	- 100	349.67	351.94	40.1	41.6	8.72	8.46
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.8	4.7 *	4.7	+ 100	+ 100	349.76	348.57	39.7	41.3	8.81	8.44
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.2	2.3	2.1	- 100	+ 100	250.52	242.87	38.9	39.3	6.44	6.18

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and Nonelectrical Machinery. The sole factory increase was posted in Transportation Equipment (+100), while the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their November employment levels. On an annual basis, the most substantial job decline was evident in Electrical Machinery (-300). Also down from their year earlier totals were Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals and Instruments (-200 each), followed by a reduction of 100 in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. In contrast, annual employment gains of 100 each were registered in Lumber/Furniture and Jewelry-Silverware. Employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change compared to a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Textile jobs were down 200 from the previous month while decreases of 100 each were recorded in Food-Beverage, Paper Products, Chemical Products, Rubber Products and Leather Products. Contrary to this, payroll levels in Plastics Products rose 100 for the month while employment in Apparel and Printing-Publishing was unchanged. Compared to a year ago, job declines in Apparel (-200), Food-Beverage, Paper Products and Rubber Products (-100 each), more than offset upturns of 100 each in Printing-Publishing, Chemical Products, Plastics Products and Leather Products. Textile employment equalled its year earlier total.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector fell 500 from November to December as a result of seasonal declines in Services and Contract Construction, which overshadowed continued holiday hiring in the Wholesale and Retail Trade industry. Nevertheless, the December Nonmanufacturing employment level of 345,700 was 4,000 higher than the December 1987 figure of 341,700.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector Wholesale and Retail Trade advanced 1,100 from last month, increasing its holiday season employment level. At 108,900, this segment was up 1,900 from the same month a year ago. Employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,300, and Government, at 58,700, remained unchanged from the previous month. However, the former was up 800, while the latter was down 500 compared to December 1987. Transportation and Public Utilities jobs, at 15,700 posted no change on both a monthly and an annual basis. Although overall employment in the various Services categories fell by 1,100 in December to 115,400, the current level is 1,000 above the figure recorded a year earlier. Similarly, Contract Construction jobs showed a monthly downturn of 500, but the December total of 20,700 represents an annual gain of 800 workers.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers rose by 4 cents to $8.70 in mid-December, this represents a gain of 32 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.5 of an hour in December to 39.5 hours, which was 0.7 of an hour less than the December 1987 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in December amounted to $343.65, representing a decline of $2.75 from last month but a gain of $6.77 compared to the same month a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES SEASONALLY TO 448,700 IN JANUARY

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment fell in January, mainly the result of sharp seasonal decreases in the Trade, Services, Construction and Jewelry-Silverware sectors of the state's economy, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 448,700 in January. Although this figure represents a decrease of 15,700 jobs from the December level of 464,400, it is 4,300 above the January 1988 total of 444,400.

EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES REVISED

Published estimates for 1987 and 1988 have been revised to a first quarter 1988 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, and also reflect changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1987-1988.

MANUFACTURING

Overall manufacturing jobs in Rhode Island declined by 2,100 in January to a level of 112,100. Furthermore, this figure represents a drop of 1,500 from the total of 113,600 reported in January 1988. In the Durable Goods category, the January employment figure of 75,500 was down 1,800 from the December level and showed a decrease of 1,300 from the year ago total. The current Nondurable Goods employment of 36,600 was 300 below the month earlier figure and declined 200 compared to the January 1988 level.

Within the Durable Goods producing sector, the most substantial monthly job reduction occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (-1,200), followed by additional declines in Primary Metals and the Miscellaneous

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RHODE ISLAND BEGINS NEW METHOD FOR COMPUTING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Effective January 1, 1989, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics officially implemented a new method of calculating unemployment in the 39 less populous states, including Rhode Island. The new methodology is based on the use of statistical models, or estimating equations. Formerly the monthly rates in these 39 states were prepared through a formula that incorporated separately derived estimates of various segments of the unemployed. BLS believes that the new methodology will not only yield more accurate data but will improve the comparability of the estimates among all 50 states. All state unemployment data for the past 10 years has now been revised to reflect the new methodology.

Because the new BLS methodology still utilizes state-generated employment and unemployment insurance data which is not available until the middle of the following month, the unemployment rates for the 39 smaller states cannot be computed as early as the rates for the U.S. and the 11 largest states. These are derived solely from the Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS) and are usually available on the first Friday of the following month. The CPS is a monthly nationwide survey of some 56,000 households which gathers labor force related data for each household member age 16 or over.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Jan 1989	Dec 1988	Jan 1988
Total Placements	524	531	442
New Applications	3,124	2,865	2,443
New Openings Received	1,169	901	1,216

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Jan 1989	Dec. 1988	% Change Dec 1988
Initial Claims	9,730	14,823	- 34.4
No. of Payments	64,465	38,488	+ 67.5
Amt. of Payment	$ 11,228,265	$ 6,494,166	+ 72.9
Exhaustions	940	720	+ 30.6

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988
Initial Claims	3,815	3,201	3,636
No. of Payments	27,039	27,566	21,568
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,699,351	$ 4,757,643	$ 3,525,075

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	January 1989	December 1988	January 1988
Civilian Labor Force	524.9	533.9	513.2
Unemployment	16.8	10.9	15.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.2	2.0	3.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.2	2.3	2.9

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	December 1988	November 1988	December 1987
Civilian Labor Force	352.7	348.6	343.2
Unemployment	11.9	9.0	11.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.4	2.6	3.4

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	December 1988	November 1988	December 1987
Civilian Labor Force	172.7	171.6	168.2
Unemployment	6.9	6.2	6.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.6	4.0

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	December 1988	November 1988	December 1987
Civilian Labor Force	36,615	36,300	35,025
Unemployment	1,030	785	1,060
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.8	2.2	3.0

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND NOVEMBER 14-18, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	8,869	100.0
Men	4,507	50.8
Under 45	3,257	72.3
45 and Over	1,250	27.7
Women	4,362	49.2
Under 45	2,513	57.6
45 and Over	1,849	42.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,159	13.0
Manufacturing	3,191	36.0
Public Utilities	442	5.0
Wholesale and Retail	1,354	15.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	443	5.0
Service	1,511	17.0
All Other	769	8.7
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,850	20.9
Clerical and Sales	1,902	21.4
Service	534	6.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	104	1.2
Processing	299	3.4
Machine Trades	1,172	13.2
Bench Work	1,068	12.0
Structural Work	1,315	14.8
Miscellaneous	599	6.8
INA	26	0.3

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Jan 1989	Dec 1988	Jan 1988	Dec 1988	Jan 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	448.7	464.4	444.4	- 15,700	+ 4,300
MANUFACTURING	112.1	114.2	113.6	- 2,100	- 1,500
NONMANUFACTURING	336.6	350.2	330.8	- 13,600	+ 5,800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.8	21.8	17.6	- 3,000	+ 1,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.1	15.9	15.2	- 800	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	102.1	108.0	100.9	- 5,900	+ 1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.4	26.5	26.3	- 100	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	113.7	117.4	111.6	- 3,700	+ 2,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.5	60.6	59.2	- 100	+ 1,300

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ALL MANUFACTURING	112.1	114.2	113.6	-2100	-1500	349.95	336.40	39.1	40.0	8.95	8.41
DURABLE GOODS	75.5	77.3	76.8	-1800	-1300	345.54	332.37	39.0	39.9	8.86	8.33
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 100	416.45	401.17	39.7	40.4	10.49	9.93
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.8	1.6	- 100	+ 100	458.30	430.15	41.4	41.4	11.07	10.39
PRIMARY METALS	4.2	4.5	4.2 *	- 300	0	394.63	405.77	40.6	42.4	9.72	9.57
FABRICATED METALS	8.7	8.8	8.8	- 100	- 100	334.36	320.00	39.9	40.1	8.38	7.98
NONELECTRIC MACH	5.6	5.6	5.9	0	- 300	473.86	449.28	43.0	43.2	11.02	10.40
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TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.4	9.3	9.1	+ 100	+ 300	462.44	458.43	39.9	41.3	11.59	11.10
INSTRUMENTS	4.8 *	4.8 *	4.8 *	0	0	360.91	336.61	38.6	40.9	9.35	8.23
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APPAREL	2.2	2.4	2.6	- 200	- 400	299.15	299.87	40.1	42.9	7.46	6.99
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0	328.89	305.88	39.2	40.3	8.39	7.59
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.9	0	0	464.86	433.05	37.1	37.3	12.53	11.61
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.4	3.5	3.3	- 100	+ 100	449.85	449.35	40.6	41.8	11.08	10.75
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.4	1.2	- 100	+ 100	374.59	352.29	41.3	41.3	9.07	8.53
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0	380.42	358.26	40.6	42.0	9.37	8.53
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 200	266.67	238.85	40.9	38.9	6.52	6.14

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Manufacturing segment of 300 and 200, respectively. In addition, smaller downturns of 100 each were registered in Stone-Clay-Glass and Fabricated Metals. The sole monthly increase in the Durable Goods sector was posted in Transportation Equipment (+100), while the remaining industries were unchanged from their December employment levels. On an annual basis, employment gains were recorded in Transportation Equipment (+300) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). Conversely, job declines were reported in Jewelry-Silverware (-800), Electrical Machinery (-400) and Nonelectrical Machinery (-300). Also down for the twelve month period were Lumber/Furniture and Fabricated Metals (-100 each). Employment in Primary Metals, Instruments and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment showed no change compared to a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, a monthly upturn of 100 in Textile employment was more than offset by downturns in Apparel (-200), Chemical Products and Rubber Products (-100 each). Payroll levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their December employment totals. Compared to a year ago, employment advances were apparent in Leather Products (+200), Chemical Products and Rubber Products (+100 each). In contrast, the number of jobs were down in Apparel (-400) and Textiles (-200), while employment in the four remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged for the twelve month period.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector fell by 13,600 from December to January, primarily due to seasonal reductions in Wholesale and Retail Trade, Services and Contract Construction. However, the January total of 336,600 was 5,800 jobs above the year earlier level of 330,800.

Wholesale and Retail Trade employment reflected reduced post-holiday activity, decreasing by 5,900 jobs last month to the current level of 102,100; nevertheless, this figure represents an annual gain of 1,200 workers. Another substantial monthly employment decline was reported in the Services category, which fell by 3,700 to 113,700. On an annual basis, however, the current total is up by 2,100. Contract Construction, at 18,800, also displayed a seasonal downturn (-3,000), but again, this segment was up 1,200 from a year ago. Although overall Government jobs posted a monthly decline of 100, the January employment total of 60,500 represents an annual gain of 1,300. Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,100, registered a monthly decrease of 800 workers, while Finance Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,400, recorded a drop of 100 from December. Compared to a year ago, the former was down 100 and the latter advanced by 100.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers advanced by 10 cents to $8.95 in mid-January; this represents a gain of 54 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.2 of an hour in January to 39.1 hours, which was 0.9 of an hour less than the January 1988 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in January amounted to $349.95, representing an increase of $2.14 from last month and a gain of $13.55 compared to the same month a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE TO 449,900 IN FEBRUARY

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island increased by 1,000 jobs in February, mainly the result of gains in the Durable Goods portion of the Manufacturing sector along with some additional hiring in Services and Government, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 449,900 in February. This figure represents a gain of 1,000 jobs and is 3,800 greater than the year ago level of 446,100.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island rose by 700 from January to February; however, the current total of 113,000 is 1,600 less than the February 1988 level of 114,600. In the Durable Goods category, the February employment figure of 76,600 was up 1,000 from the prior month, but reflected a decrease of 1,100 compared to a year ago. Payroll levels in the Nondurable Goods producing industries declined 300 in the January-February period to 36,400, which was 500 below the figure recorded in February 1988.

Within the Durable Goods category, the most substantial monthly job gains occurred in Primary Metals and Jewelry-Silverware (+400 each), followed by an upturn of 200 in Fabricated Metals. Smaller advances were reported in Stone-Clay-Glass and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+100 each). In contrast, monthly downturns of 100 each were registered in Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments, while employment in the remaining industries was unchanged during this period.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988
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New Applications	3,014	3,124	2,522
New Openings Received	971	1,169	1,261

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988
Initial Claims	7,152	9,730	7,520
No. of Payments	60,108	64,465	57,670
Amt. of Payment	$ 10,846,380	$ 11,228,265	$ 9,482,055
Exhaustions	833	940	764

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988
Initial Claims	3,691	3,815	3,823
No. of Payments	24,063	27,039	27,649
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,228,159	$ 4,699,351	$ 4,529,850

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988
Civilian Labor Force	527.6	525.0	508.8
Unemployment	19.3	16.8	17.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.7	3.2	3.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.4	3.2	3.2

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	January 1989	December 1988	January 1988
Civilian Labor Force	343.9	351.4	336.2
Unemployment	10.2	7.0	9.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	2.0	2.9

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	January 1989	December 1988	January 1988
Civilian Labor Force	165.6	166.8	164.9
Unemployment	7.3	4.8	6.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.4	2.9	4.1

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	January 1989	December 1988	January 1988
Civilian Labor Force	35,740	35,755	33,995
Unemployment	1,065	605	975
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	1.7	2.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND FEBRUARY 20-24, 1989

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	16,904	100.0
Men	11,930	70.6
Under 45	8,541	71.6
45 and Over	3,389	28.4
Women	4,974	29.4
Under 45	3,307	66.5
45 and Over	1,667	33.5
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,574	27.1
Manufacturing	4,642	27.5
Public Utilities	634	3.7
Wholesale and Retail	2,466	14.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	578	3.4
Service	1,832	10.8
All Other	2,178	12.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	2,494	14.7
Clerical and Sales	2,287	13.5
Service	1,364	8.1
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ	964	5.7
Processing	607	3.6
Machine Trades	1,432	8.5
Bench Work	1,501	8.9
Structural Work	4,753	28.1
Miscellaneous	1,501	8.9
INA	1	0.0

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Jan – Feb 1989	Feb 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	449 9	448 9	446 1	+ 1,000	+ 3,800
MANUFACTURING	113 0	112 3	114 6	+ 700	- 1,600
NONMANUFACTURING	336 9	336 6	331 5	- 300	+ 5,400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18 5	18 8	17 3	- 300	+ 1,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15 1	15 1	15 2	- 0	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	101 9	102 1	100 7	- 200	+ 1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26 4	26 4	26 3	- 0	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	114 4	113 7	112 6	+ 700	+ 1,800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60 6	60 5	59 4	+ 100	+ 1,200

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Feb 1988
ALL MANUFACTURING	113 0	112 3	114 6	+ 700	-1600	349 05	334 36	39 0	39 9	8 95	8 38
DURABLE GOODS	76 6	75 6	77 7	+ 1000	-1100	345 43	329 87	38 9	39 6	8 88	8 33
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3 0	3 0	3 0	0	0	413 28	413 24	39 7	41 2	10 41	10 03
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1 8	1 7	1 7	+ 100	+ 100	483 29	425 17	43 5	41 0	11 11	10 37
PRIMARY METALS	4 6	4 2	4 7	+ 400	- 100	391 72	403 20	40 3	42 0	9 72	9 60
FABRICATED METALS	8 8	8 6	8 8	+ 200	0	331 85	320 00	39 6	39 9	8 38	8 02
NONELECTRIC MACH	5 6	5 7	6 1	- 100	- 500	474 90	448 67	42 9	43 1	11 07	10 41
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11 4	11 4	11 6	0	- 200	338 35	307 49	39 9	40 3	8 48	7 63
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	9 4	9 4	9 0	0	+ 400	460 45	459 50	39 9	41 1	11 54	11 18
INSTRUMENTS	4 7 *	4 8 *	4 8 *	- 100	- 100	355 09	332 90	38 1	40 4	9 32	8 24
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21 2	20 8	21 9	+ 400	- 700	267 04	258 23	37 4	38 6	7 14	6 69
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6 1	6 0	6 1	+ 100	0	285 96	241 37	35 7	33 9	8 01	7 12
NONDURABLE GOODS	36 4	36 7	36 9	- 300	- 500	358 02	343 85	39 3	40 5	9 11	8 49
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3 0	3 0	3 0	0	0	331 13	306 38	37 8	37 5	8 76	8 17
TEXTILES	10 1	10 0	10 3	+ 100	- 200	322 39	306 99	40 4	40 5	7 98	7 58
APPAREL	2 2	2 2	2 6	0	- 400	292 04	296 65	39 2	42 5	7 45	6 98
PAPER PRODUCTS	2 6	2 6	2 6	0	0	336 07	312 48	40 2	40 9	8 36	7 64
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6 9	7 0	7 0	- 100	- 100	459 56	450 04	36 3	39 1	12 66	11 51
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3 3	3 4	3 2	- 100	+ 100	430 95	448 28	39 0	41 7	11 05	10 75
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1 3	1 3	1 2	0	+ 100	370 06	362 44	40 8	41 9	9 07	8 65
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5 0	5 0	5 0	0	0	367 54	359 54	39 1	42 2	9 40	8 52
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2 0	2 2	2 0	- 200	0	275 14	233 17	42 2	38 1	6 52	6 12

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Compared to February 1988, the largest employment increase was reported in Transportation Equipment (+400). Also up from its year ago total was Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). These gains, however, were more than offset by annual declines in Jewelry-Silverware (-700), Nonelectrical Machinery (-500), Electrical Machinery (-200), Primary Metals and Instruments (-100 each). Job levels in Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment showed no change from the same month a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, the sole monthly job increase was recorded in Textiles (+100). Contrary to this, monthly decreases were posted in Leather Products (-200), Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products (-100 each), while the remaining industries were unchanged from January.

On an annual comparison, employment upturns occurred in Chemical Products and Rubber Products (+100) each). A reduction of 400 jobs was reported in Apparel, followed by declines in Textiles and Printing-Publishing of 200 and 100, respectively. Employment levels in Food-Beverage, Paper Products, Plastics Products and Leather Products posted no change compared to a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector advanced by 300 from January to February as a result of gains in Services and Government, which overshadowed seasonal decreases in Contract Construction and Trade. Moreover, the current job total of 336,900 is 5,400 more than the year ago level of 331,500.

The Service industry registered the largest monthly increase in the Nonfactory sector, expanding its workforce by 700. At 114,400, the category was up 1,800 from a year ago. Overall Government employment, at 60,600, rose 100 for the month and increased 1,200 on an annual basis. Although Contract Construction jobs fell seasonally by 300 to the February level of 18,500, this segment showed a gain of 1,200 compared to the same month a year ago. Similarly, employment in Wholesale and Retail Trade declined 200 from last month; however, at 101,900, this sector is 1,200 jobs greater than the year earlier total. Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,100, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,400, showed no employment change in the January-February period. Nevertheless, on an annual comparison, the former declined by 100 while the latter was up by 100 jobs.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers remained unchanged at $8.95 in February, but were up 57 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.1 of an hour in February to 39.0 hours, which was 0.9 of an hour less than the February 1988 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in February amounted to $349.05, representing a decline of 90 cents from last month, but a gain of $14.69 compared to the same month a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 453,900 IN MARCH

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment rose by 4,100 in March, mainly the result of gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector along with a small increase in Manufacturing, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 453,900 in March. This represents a gain of 4,100 from the February level of 449,800 and is 3,800 above the March 1988 figure of 450,100.

MANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Manufacturing industries advanced 200 in the February-March period. Nevertheless, the current level of 113,200 is 1,300 less than the year earlier figure of 114,500. In the Durable Goods category, the March employment total of 76,700 was up 200 from the prior month, but was 700 below the figure recorded a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries was unchanged from the February level of 36,500, but was down 600 compared to the March 1988 total.

Within the Durable Goods sector, monthly job gains in Jewelry-Silverware (+300), Lumber/Furniture and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing Segment (+100 each) more than offset declines of 100 each in Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and Electrical Machinery. The remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from their February employment levels. On an annual comparison, the largest increase in the job level occurred in Transportation Equipment (+400), followed by

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"OPTIONS '89"

The Rhode Island Job Service will hold "Options '89," a career/jobs fair for graduating high school seniors in general track and vocational curricula throughout Rhode Island, on Wednesday, May 10, 1989 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bristol Campus of Roger Williams College. Employers are invited to participate. The fair will be open to the general public from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

"Options '89," is the culmination of the "Jobs for Rhode Island Graduates" program which is administered by the Job Service Division of the R.I. Department of Employment Security and conducted in 33 schools involving some 1,450 students. It is an opportunity for these students, who will be entering the labor market following graduation, to explore many of the career options available to them.

Students who have completed the "Jobs for Rhode Island Graduates" program come prepared with job search skills and have been exposed to employment related issues, vocational exploration, preparation of employment applications, job interview procedures, employer expectations, etc.

The Rhode Island Job Service hopes to attract many employers and representatives of the armed services and proprietary schools to "Options '89," where they will have the opportunity to screen applicants and discuss potential training opportunities within their facility or organization.

Additional information on "Options '89," as well as arrangements for exhibitor participation can be made by calling R.I. Job Service - PROJECT STEADY at 277-6813.

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Project STEADY	277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Mar 1989	Feb 1989	Mar 1988
Total Placements	486	509	676
New Applications	3,335	3,014	2,508
New Openings Received	1,912	971	2,149

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Mar 1989	Feb 1989	Mar 1988
Initial Claims	6,502	7,152	5,591
No. of Payments	64,502	60,108	60,480
Amt. of Payment	$ 11,686,399	$ 10,846,380	$ 9,983,008
Exhaustions	1,053	833	1,083

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Mar 1989	Feb 1989	Mar 1988
Initial Claims	4,127	3,691	4,025
No. of Payments	28,602	24,063	28,961
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,959,023	$ 4,228,159	$ 4,700,802

RHODE ISLAND *

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	March 1989	February 1989	March 1988
Civilian Labor Force	534.3	527.6	517.7
Unemployment	22.9	19.3	19.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	3.7	3.7
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.6	3.4	3.2

PROVIDENCE*

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988
Civilian Labor Force	342.9	344.3	333.2
Unemployment	12.3	10.2	10.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	3.0	3.3

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO*

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988
Civilian Labor Force	169.8	165.9	164.1
Unemployment	8.2	7.3	7.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	4.4	4.5

NEWPORT Labor Area*

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988
Civilian Labor Force	35,940	35,375	33,670
Unemployment	1,105	1,055	1,105
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	3.0	3.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND FEBRUARY 20-24, 1989

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Under 45	3,307	66.5
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Processing	607	3.6
Machine Trades	1,432	8.5
Bench Work	1,501	8.9
Structural Work	4,753	28.1
Miscellaneous	1,501	8.9
INA	1	0.0

*Data for current month is PRELIMINARY; prior month has been REVISED.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Mar 1989	Feb 1989	Mar 1988	Feb 1989	Mar 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	453 9	449 8	450 1	+ 4,100	+ 3,800
MANUFACTURING	113 2	113 0	114 5	+ 200	- 1,300
NONMANUFACTURING	340 7	336 8	335 6	+ 3,900	+ 5,100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19 7	18 4	18 5	+ 1,300	+ 1,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15 4	15 1	15 5	+ 300	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	102 4	101 9	101 4	+ 500	+ 1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26 6	26 4	26 5	+ 200	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	116 0	114 4	114 3	+ 1,600	+ 1,700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60 6	60 6	59 4	0	+ 1,200

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Mar 1989	Feb 1989	Mar 1988	Feb 1989	Mar 1988	Mar 1989	Mar 1988	Mar 1989	Mar 1988	Mar 1989	Mar 1988
ALL MANUFACTURING	113 2	113 0	114 5	+ 200	- 1300	352 29	334 76	39 1	39 9	9 01	8 39
DURABLE GOODS	76 7	76 5	77 4	+ 200	- 700	346 48	329 04	38 8	39 5	8 93	8 33
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3 1	3 0	3 0	+ 100	+ 100	414 00	407 84	40 0	40 5	10 35	10 07
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1 8	1 8	1 7	0	+ 100	457 60	428 89	40 0	41 2	11 44	10 41
PRIMARY METALS	4 4	4 5	4 6	- 100	- 200	402 37	406 19	41 1	42 4	9 79	9 58
FABRICATED METALS	8 8	8 8	8 8	0	0	337 50	323 61	39 8	40 2	8 48	8 05
NONELECTRIC MACH	5 6	5 7	5 8	- 100	- 200	482 42	453 35	43 5	43 3	11 09	10 47
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11 3	11 4	11 5	- 100	- 200	334 51	310 54	39 4	40 7	8 49	7 63
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	9 4	9 4	9 0	0	+ 400	453 57	444 21	39 0	40 2	11 63	11 05
INSTRUMENTS	4 7 *	4 7 *	4 8 *	0	- 100	377 08	330 44	40 2	40 2	9 38	8 22
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21 4	21 1	21 9	+ 300	- 500	268 96	255 36	37 2	38 0	7 23	6 72
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6 2	6 1	6 3	+ 100	- 100	282 58	248 80	35 5	34 7	7 96	7 17
NONDURABLE GOODS	36 5	36 5	37 1	0	- 600	363 01	346 32	39 5	40 6	9 19	8 53
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2 8	3 0	2 9	- 200	- 100	336 78	311 47	38 8	37 8	8 68	8 24
TEXTILES	10 1	10 1	10 4	0	- 300	322 39	309 26	40 4	40 8	7 98	7 58
APPAREL	2 3	2 2	2 7	+ 100	- 400	299 20	294 10	40 0	42 5	7 48	6 92
PAPER PRODUCTS	2 6	2 6	2 6	0	0	342 29	312 53	40 7	40 8	8 41	7 66
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	7 0	7 0	7 0	0	0	462 75	453 56	35 9	39 1	12 89	11 60
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3 3	3 3	3 3	0	0	453 40	449 28	40 7	41 6	11 14	10 80
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1 3	1 3	1 2	0	+ 100	377 20	364 04	41 0	41 7	9 20	8 73
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5 0	5 0	4 9	0	+ 100	372 33	358 62	39 4	41 7	9 45	8 60
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2 1	2 0	2 1	+ 100	0	274 05	243 43	40 6	39 2	6 75	6 21

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upturns of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture and Stone-Clay-Glass. Contrary to this, the most substantial decline for the 12 month period was reported in Jewelry-Silverware (-500). Also down from their year ago employment totals were Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and Electrical Machinery (-200 each) while reductions of 100 each were apparent in Instruments and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. March employment in Fabricated Metals recorded no change compared to a year earlier.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly job gains were posted in Apparel and Leather Products (+100 each). In contrast, payroll levels in Food-Beverage were down 200 for the month while employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged. Compared to March 1988, employment increases were registered in Rubber Products and Plastics Products (+100 each). An annual downturn of 400 workers occurred in Apparel followed by decreases in Textiles and Food-Beverage of 300 and 100, respectively. Employment in the four remaining Nondurable Goods industries stayed at its year ago level.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector advanced by 3,900 from February to March primarily due to hiring in Services, Contract Construction and Trade. Furthermore, the current nonfactory figure of 340,700 is 5,100 more than the year ago level of 335,600.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the most sizable monthly increase (+1,600) was reported in Services. At 116,000, this industry was up 1,700 from last March. Contract Construction jobs, at 19,700, reflected a monthly gain of 1,300 and an annual upturn of 1,200. Employment in Wholesale and Retail Trade rose 500 over the month to 102,400, which was 1,000 higher than the year earlier figure. Overall Government payroll levels remained unchanged in the February-March period, but the current job total of 60,600 is up 1,200 compared to a year ago. Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,400, posted a monthly gain of 300, while Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,600, registered an increase of 200 for the same time period. On an annual basis, the former segment was down 100 and the latter advanced by 100 jobs.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by six cents to $9.01 in mid-March; this represents a gain of 62 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week advanced by 0.1 of an hour in March to 39.1 hours, but declined 0.8 of an hour from the March 1988 work week. Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in March amounted to $352.29, representing an increase of $3.24 from last month and a gain of $17.53 compared to the same month a year ago.

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 4,000 IN APRIL TO 458,100

Total Rhode Island establishment employment increased by 4,000 in April, primarily due to seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector along with additional hiring in some Manufacturing industries, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 458,100 in April. This represents a monthly gain of 4,000 jobs, and is 3,700 more than the April 1988 level of 454,400.

MANUFACTURING

Overall factory employment in Rhode Island rose by 600 in April, but the current level of 113,700 is 900 below the figure reported a year ago this month. Employment in the Durable Goods category increased 400 in the March-April period to a level of 77,100, which was down 400 from the April 1988 figure. In the Nondurable Goods producing industries, the April employment total of 36,600 reflected a gain of 200 from the prior month, but a decrease of 500 compared to a year ago. Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains of 100 each were registered in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. In contrast to this, employment declined by 100 each in Electrical Machinery and Jewelry-Silverware. Payroll levels in Primary Metals and Instruments were unchanged from last month.

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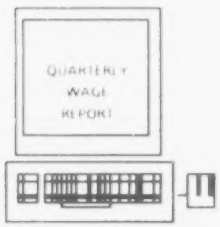

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Apr 1989	Mar 1989	Apr 1988
Total Placements	456	486	545
New Applications	2,523	3,335	1,757
New Openings Received	3,307	1,912	1,949

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Apr 1989	Mar 1989	Apr 1988
Initial Claims	6,269	6,502	5,476
No. of Payments	50,176	64,502	40,277
Amt. of Payment	$ 8,865,347	$ 11,686,399	$ 6,462,966
Exhaustions	1,143	1,053	911

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Apr 1989	Mar 1989	Apr 1988
Initial Claims	3,205	4,127	3,607
No. of Payments	20,576	28,602	26,108
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,613,166	$ 4,959,023	$ 4,289,432

RHODE ISLAND *

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(in thousands)

	April 1989	March 1989	April 1988
Civilian Labor Force	536.1	534.4	518.6
Unemployment	22.1	22.9	17.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	4.3	3.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.8	3.6	3.2

PROVIDENCE*

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(in thousands)

	March 1989	February 1989	March 1988
Civilian Labor Force	350.2	346.6	338.8
Unemployment	14.2	12.3	12.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	3.5	3.6

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO*

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(in thousands)

	March 1989	February 1989	March 1988
Civilian Labor Force	169.0	167.4	166.7
Unemployment	8.7	7.9	7.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.1	4.7	4.6

NEWPORT Labor Area*

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	March 1989	February 1989	March 1988
Civilian Labor Force	35,810	35,065	34,525
Unemployment	1,470	1,085	1,130
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	3.1	3.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND FEBRUARY 20-24, 1989

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	16,904	100.0
Men	11,930	70.6
Under 45	8,541	71.6
45 and Over	3,389	28.4
Women	4,974	29.4
Under 45	3,307	66.5
45 and Over	1,667	33.5
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,574	27.1
Manufacturing	4,642	27.5
Public Utilities	634	3.7
Wholesale and Retail	2,466	14.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	578	3.4
Service	1,832	10.8
All Other	2,178	12.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	2,494	14.7
Clerical and Sales	2,287	13.5
Service	1,364	8.1
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ	964	5.7
Processing	607	3.6
Machine Trades	1,432	8.5
Bench Work	1,501	8.9
Structural Work	4,753	28.1
Miscellaneous	1,501	8.9
INA	1	0.0

*Data for current month is PRELIMINARY; prior month has been REVISED

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	April 1989	Mar 1989	April 1988	Mar 1989	April 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	458.1	454.1	454.4	+ 4,000	+ 3,700
MANUFACTURING	113.7	113.1	114.6	+ 600	- 900
NONMANUFACTURING	344.4	341.0	339.8	+ 3,400	+ 4,600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	21.2	20.0	19.8	+ 1,200	+ 1,400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.8	15.5	15.7	+ 300	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	103.1	102.3	102.5	+ 800	+ 600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.5	26.6	26.5	- 100	0
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	117.3	116.0	115.9**	+ 1,300	+ 1,400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.5	60.6	59.4	- 100	+ 1,100

1989 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1988 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES: Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Apr 1989	Mar 1989	Apr 1988	Mar 1989	Apr 1988	Apr 1989	Apr 1988	Apr 1989	Apr 1988	Apr 1989	Apr 1988
ALL MANUFACTURING	113.7	113.1	114.6	+ 600	- 900	356.69	335.12	39.5	39.8	9.03	8.42
DURABLE GOODS	77.1	76.7	77.5	+ 400	- 400	353.13	329.43	39.5	39.5	8.94	8.34
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.2	3.1	3.1	+ 100	+ 100	417.44	405.38	40.1	39.9	10.41	10.16
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 100	+ 100	467.08	426.30	40.3	40.6	11.59	10.50
PRIMARY METALS	4.4	4.4	4.6	0	- 200	422.93	406.08	43.2	42.3	9.79	9.60
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	8.8	8.8	+ 100	+ 100	333.32	324.79	39.4	39.9	8.46	8.14
NONELECTRIC MACH	5.7	5.6	5.8	+ 100	- 100	470.73	451.07	42.6	43.0	11.05	10.49
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.2	11.3	11.4	- 100	- 200	334.22	315.75	39.6	40.9	8.44	7.72
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	9.5	9.4	9.0	+ 100	+ 500	470.77	446.93	40.1	40.3	11.74	11.09
INSTRUMENTS	4.7 *	4.7 *	4.8 *	0	- 100	377.08	326.27	40.2	39.5	9.38	8.26
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.3	21.4	21.9	- 100	- 600	278.31	258.90	38.6	38.7	7.21	6.69
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6.3	6.2	6.3	+ 100	0	284.04	243.19	36.0	34.3	7.89	7.09
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.6	36.4	37.1	+ 200	- 500	363.27	346.18	39.4	40.3	9.22	8.59
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	2.8	2.8	+ 100	+ 100	334.28	305.81	38.6	36.8	8.66	8.31
TEXTILES	9.9	10.0	10.3	- 100	- 400	321.60	312.48	40.1	40.9	8.02	7.64
APPAREL	2.3	2.3	2.7	0	- 400	300.45	284.69	39.9	41.2	7.53	6.91
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.6	2.6	+ 100	+ 100	357.42	314.98	42.0	40.8	8.51	7.72
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	7.0	7.0	7.0	0	0	462.03	453.19	35.9	38.9	12.87	11.65
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.4	3.3	3.4	+ 100	0	440.82	448.52	39.5	41.3	11.16	10.86
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 100	375.55	347.02	40.6	39.3	9.25	8.83
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0	372.33	353.38	39.4	40.9	9.45	8.64
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0	277.84	250.34	41.1	39.8	6.76	6.29

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Compared to a year ago, the largest job gain occurred in Transportation Equipment (+500) followed by increases of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, and Fabricated Metals. For the twelve month period, the most substantial employment decline was posted in Jewelry-Silverware (-600). Also down from their year earlier job levels were Primary Metals and Electrical Machinery (-200). Employment in both Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments was off by 100, while the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment showed no change from April 1988.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each in Food-Beverage, Paper Products and Chemical Products more than offset a downturn of 100 in Textiles. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from last month. On an annual comparison, employment gains were recorded in Food Beverage, Paper Products and Rubber Products (+100 each). Contrary to this, decreases of 400 each were posted in Textiles and Apparel. Job totals in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change compared to a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 3,400 from March to April, mainly due to seasonal growth in Services, Contract Construction and Trade. In addition, the April non-factory employment level of 344,400 was 4,600 higher than the year earlier figure of 339,800.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the Service industry posted the largest monthly increase, expanding its workforce by 1,300. At 117,300, this segment was up 1,400 from a year ago. Similarly, payroll levels in Contract Construction, at 21,200, and Trade, at 103,100, registered monthly gains of 1,200 and 800, respectively. Compared to April 1988, the former industry increased by 1,400 while the latter advanced 600. Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities rose 300 on a monthly basis to the current total of 15,800, which was 100 above the year earlier figure. Overall Government employment was down 100 from the prior month; however, at 60,500, this segment experienced an annual upturn of 1,100. Although Finance, Insurance and Real Estate declined 100 from last month, the April job total of 26,500 was unchanged compared to the same month a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $9.03 in mid-April; this represents a gain of 61 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week advanced by 0.4 of an hour in April to 39.5 hours, but declined 0.3 of an hour from the April 1988 work week. Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in April amounted to $356.69, representing an increase of $4.40 from last month and a gain of $21.57 compared to the same month a year ago.

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EMPLOYMENT

Overall Rhode Island establishment employment reached a record high May level of 461,400, as a result of gains in the nonfactory sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security. The current employment total represents an increase of 2,800 jobs from the April level and is 3,800 above the May 1988 figure of 457,600.

Nonmanufacturing employment advanced by 2,800 in the April-May period to 348,100, mainly due to additional hiring in Services (+1,100), Trade (+800), Contract Construction and Transportation/Public Utilities (+400 each). An upturn of 100 workers was recorded in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate while overall Government employment remained at its April level. In addition, total employment in Rhode Island's nonfactory sector is 4,800 more than the year ago figure of 343,300.

The number of factory jobs in the state showed no change from April to May, however, the current level of 113,300 is 1,000 less than the year earlier figure of 114,300. Employment in the Durable Goods sector fell by 100 over the month while the Nondurable Goods producing industries expanded by 100 jobs. Monthly employment gains of 100 each were posted in Stone-Clay-Glass, Jewelry-Silverware, the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment and Food-Beverage. In contrast, a monthly employment decline of 200 was registered in Electrical Machinery, followed by downturns of 100 each in Lumber/Furniture and Fabricated Metals. The remaining segments - eight in Nondurable Goods and four in Durable Goods reported stable employment in the April-May period.

The May workweek average 39.1 hours, down 0.1 of an hour from April. Production workers average $9.03 per hour in May, up 1 cent from the prior month and 58 cents compared to a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment in Rhode Island increased by 200 from the April level of 22,100 to an estimated 22,300 in May. One year ago, there were an estimated 16,500 persons out of work.

At the same time, the state's unadjusted unemployment rate moved up fractionally from 4.1 percent in April to the current estimate of 4.2 percent. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the May rate advanced to 4.0 percent, up two-tenths of a percentage point from the prior month's estimate of 3.8 percent. In May 1988, the Rhode Island unadjusted rate was 3.2 percent while the seasonally adjusted rate stood at 3.1 percent.

Comparably, Rhode Island's monthly rates still remained below the national figures which were placed at 5.0 percent (unadjusted) and 5.2 percent (adjusted).

NEW LOOK EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY HAS REDESIGNED THE MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN INTO A CONCISE, EASIER-TO-READ SINGLE-PAGE PUBLICATION WHILE RETAINING THE SAME SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT DATA PUBLISHED IN THE PAST.

WE HAVE ALSO EXPANDED THE MAILING LIST, AND, THEREFORE, YOU MAY BE RECEIVING YOUR FIRST ISSUE OF THE EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN. AT A LATER DATE WE WILL POLL ALL RECIPIENTS TO DETERMINE CONTINUED INTEREST AND WILL ADJUST THE MAILING ROSTER ACCORDINGLY.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE NEW FORMAT CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE R.I. DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, PUBLIC RELATIONS, 24 MASON STREET, PROVIDENCE, R.I. 02903.

1988 D.E.S. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security for the calendar year 1988 is now available for general distribution. The report summarizes the Department's response to the employment and income maintenance needs of Rhode Island's citizens and it contains statistical tables relating to departmental operations and 1988 Rhode Island economic data.

Department programs and services highlighted in the report include the activities of the Unemployment Insurance, Temporary Disability Insurance and Job Service Divisions and supporting units which collect taxes, register employers, and provide economic analysis and labor market information. The publication includes a review of the Department's Quality Control program which examines and measures the accuracy of the Unemployment Insurance system.

A copy of the Annual Report may be obtained by writing to the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security, Public Relations Unit, 24 Mason Street, Providence, RI 02903.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

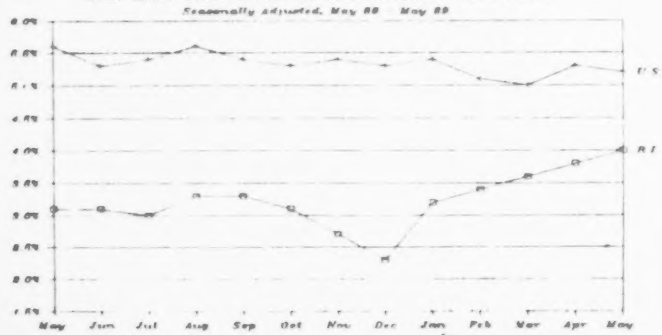
	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988
Civilian Labor Force	534.3	536.4	522.8
Unemployment	22.3	22.1	16.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.2	4.1	3.2
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	4.0	3.8	3.1

UNITED STATES

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988
Civilian Labor Force	123,196	122,576	120,775
Unemployment	6,156	6,229	6,553
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.0	5.1	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5.2	5.3	5.6

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	May 1989	April 1989	May 1988	April 1989	May 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	461.4	458.6	457.6	+ 2,800	+ 3,800
MANUFACTURING	113.3	113.3	114.3	0	- 1,000
NONMANUFACTURING	348.1	345.3	343.3	+ 2,800	+ 4,800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	21.9	21.5	20.6	+ 400	+ 1,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16.3	15.9	16.2	+ 400	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	104.1	103.3	103.4	+ 800	+ 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.6	26.5	26.4	+ 100	+ 200
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	118.7**	117.6	117.3**	+ 1,100	+ 1,400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60.5	60.5	59.4	0	+ 1,100

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

May 1989

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	113.3	353.07	39.1	9.03
DURABLE GOODS	76.6	346.87	38.8	8.94
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	431.54	39.7	10.87
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.9	458.62	38.8	11.82
PRIMARY METALS	4.4	411.46	41.9	9.82
FABRICATED METALS	8.8	333.32	39.4	8.46
NONELECTRIC MACHINERY	5.7	475.58	43.0	11.06
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	10.9	331.19	38.6	8.58
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	9.4	445.82	38.7	11.52
INSTRUMENTS	4.7 **	377.92	40.9	9.24
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21.4	271.88	37.5	7.25
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6.4	279.89	35.7	7.84
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.7	366.16	39.8	9.20
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	333.10	38.2	8.72
TEXTILES	9.9	322.32	40.8	7.90
APPAREL	2.3	300.49	39.8	7.55
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	354.77	41.3	8.59
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	7.0	467.70	36.2	12.92
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.4	457.56	41.0	11.16
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	388.86	41.5	9.37
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	370.67	39.1	9.48
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.1	282.46	41.6	6.79

*Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded Current month figures are PRELIMINARY Prior month and year figures are REVISED Compiled by THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY in cooperation with the U S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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EMPLOYMENT

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose to 462,200 in June, primarily due to gains in the nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security. The current job total reflects an increase of 900 from the May level and is 2,900 more than the June, 1988 figure of 459,300.

Nonfactory employment increased by 1,100 to the June level of 349,100, mainly the result of additional seasonal hiring in Trade (+1,400) and Contract Construction (+900). At the same time, an upturn of 100 workers each was reported in Transportation/Public Utilities and Finance/Insurance/Real Estate. In contrast, a decline of 1,400 was posted in Services, while overall Government employment showed no change from the prior month. Compared to the same month a year ago, Rhode Island's current nonfactory total represents a gain of 4,000 jobs.

Overall factory employment in the state fell by 200 in the May - June period to 113,100. In addition, this figure is 1,100 below the year ago level of 114,200. Employment in both the Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods producing industries decreased by 100 from May. The only monthly employment gain (+100) recorded in Instruments was more than offset by declines of 100 each in Transportation Equipment, Jewelry-Silverware and Chemical Products. The remaining segments - seven in Durable Goods and eight in Nondurable Goods reported stable employment in the May-June period.

The June work week average 39.3 hours, up 0.2 of an hour from May. Production workers averaged $9.03 an hour in June, up 1 cent from the previous month and 54 cents compared to a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The jobless total in Rhode Island fell by 2,500 from the May level of 22,400 to the current estimate of 19,900. A year ago this month, the number of unemployed stood at 15,500.

Corresponding to the decline in unemployment, the state's unadjusted unemployment rate decreased by half a percentage point - from 4.2 percent to the June estimate of 3.7 percent. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the current rate was placed at 3.9 percent, down slightly from the prior month's estimate of 4.0 percent. One year ago, Rhode Island's unadjusted and seasonally adjusted rates were estimated at 3.0 and 3.1 percent, respectively.

Nationally, the civilian unadjusted unemployment rate rose to 5.5 percent in June from the May estimate of 5.0 percent. Comparably, the U.S. seasonally adjusted rate advanced by one-tenth of a percent - from 5.2 percent in May to the current estimate of 5.3 percent.

LARGE EMPLOYERS: REPORT YOUR WAGES ON MAGNETIC TAPE

Good news for large Rhode Island employers from the Department of Employment Security about quarterly wage reporting:

If you have 250 or more workers on your payroll, research has shown that the most efficient method for you to report this information is by magnetic tape. The data must be written on half-inch, nine-track magnetic tape and you must first submit a test tape to ensure compatability with the Department's computer system.

Any Rhode Island employer interested in the magnetic tape reporting system can obtain information and forms by contacting the R.I. Department of Employment Security, Wage Record Unit, at 24 Mason Street, Providence, RI 02903. The telephone number is (401) 277-3651.

OCCUPATIONAL WAGE INFORMATION

In response to the numerous requests we receive for occupational wage information, the Labor Market Information (LMI) unit of this Department recently implemented a statewide Wage Survey Program. The information available from this program is gathered directly from a selected sampling of the state's employers who are asked to complete and return a relatively short and simple survey questionnaire. Our LMI unit, in turn, reviews and compiles the collected information and periodically publishes the results in an easily understood and usable format which maintains the confidentiality of individual employer responses.

To date, separate wage surveys covering various occupations in Construction, Transportation/Communication/Public Utilities, Wholesale/Retail Trade, Finance/Insurance/Real Estate and Services have been completed and are available on request. In addition, a special survey covering Nursery/Day Care occupations has also been completed. The LMI unit has just begun preparations for a survey of occupations in Rhode Island manufacturing industries and expects to have a published report of the results by late summer.

We appreciate the cooperation of all who take the time and effort to accurately complete and promptly return our survey questionnaires which allows us to publish reliable and timely information.

Copies of our wage surveys may be obtained by writing to:

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

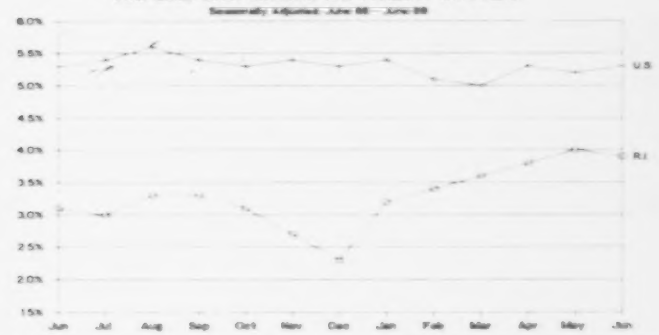
	June 1989	May 1989	June 1988
Civilian Labor Force	523 3	534 2	524 4
Unemployment	19 9	22 4	15 5
Rate (Unadjusted)	3 7	4 2	3 0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3 9	4 0	3 1

UNITED STATES

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	June 1989	May 1989	June 1988
Civilian Labor Force	125,569	123,196	123,028
Unemployment	6,850	6,156	6,819
Rate (Unadjusted)	5 5	5 0	5 5
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	5 3	5 2	5 4

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	June 1989	May 1989	June 1988	May 1989	June 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	462 2	461 3	459 3	+ 900	+ 2900
MANUFACTURING	113 1	113 3	114 2	- 200	- 1100
NONMANUFACTURING	349 1	348 0	345 1	+ 1100	+ 4000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	22 8	21 9	21 6	+ 900	+ 1200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16 4	16 3	16 3	+ 100	+ - 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	105 6	104 2	105 2	+ 1400	+ 400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26 7	26 6	26 6	+ 100	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	117 2	118 6	116 0	- 1400	+ 1200
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60 4	60 4	59 4	0	+ 1090

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

June 1989

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	113 1	354 88	39 3	9 03
DURABLE GOODS	76 5	349 05	39 0	8 95
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3 0	425 64	38 8	10 97
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1 9	460 37	38 3	12 02
PRIMARY METALS	4 4	420 61	42 4	9 92
FABRICATED METALS	8 8	339 60	40 0	8 49
NONELECTRIC MACHINERY	5 7	455 39	41 1	11 08
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	10 9	339 95	39 3	8 65
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	9 3	443 52	38 5	11 52
INSTRUMENTS	4 8	376 36	40 6	9 27
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21 3	278 86	38 2	7 30
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6 4	282 66	36 1	7 83
NONDURABLE GOODS	36 6	366 68	39 9	9 19
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2 9	343 96	39 4	8 73
TEXTILES	9 9	325 10	41 1	7 91
APPAREL	2 3	294 84	39 0	7 56
PAPER PRODUCTS	2 7	360 29	41 7	8 64
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	7 0	462 03	35 9	12 87
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3 3	439 37	39 3	11 18
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1 3	388 52	41 2	9 43
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5 1	385 84	40 7	9 48
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2 1	273 77	40 8	6 71

*Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded. Current month figures are PRELIMINARY. Prior month and year figures are REVISED. Compiled by THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY in cooperation with the U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

**Labor Dispute

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